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## Eulachon

(pronounced you-la-kon in the United States), also known as candlefish, small fish, savior fish, salvation fish, fathom fish, Columbia River smelt, hoolakan, hooligan, hoolikan, olachan, ollachan, oolachan, oolichan, oulachan, oulachon, oulacon, ulchen, ulichan, uthlecan, yshuh, ooligan, olachen, olachon, quat-ra, páagwáls, are found in the North East Pacific Ocean.

## Eulachon Newsletter!

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### Introduction

Welcome! In this issue of the **Eulachon Newsletter** I provide updates on the Eulachon Recovery Plan, as well as a few eulachon-related items of interest.

### Eulachon Recovery Plan

NOAA continues to draft the recovery plan for eulachon. We are now at the stage in the development of the recovery plan where we are taking the necessary steps to make the recovery plan available for public review. We anticipate that a draft recovery plan will be available for public input in late February/early March.

Please stay tuned for an e-mail regarding availability of the draft plan.

### Items of Interest

1. On August 21, 2015, NOAA, in collaboration with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, hosted a one-day State of the Science and Science-Policy Forum in Portland, Oregon, that focused on the current state of scientific knowledge about eulachon to help inform the development of recovery actions for the Eulachon Recovery Plan.

This one-day workshop was a great success - thanks to the participation and input of the more than sixty-five eulachon-enthusiasts in attendance.

A copy of the Summary Report can be downloaded at:

[http://www.nwcouncil.org/media/7149578/eulachon-science-policy-forum-report\\_final\\_october-2015.pdf](http://www.nwcouncil.org/media/7149578/eulachon-science-policy-forum-report_final_october-2015.pdf).

2. Following the Forum, on October 21, 2015, the Eulachon Stakeholder Group met to work on the recovery strategy and recovery program chapters for the Recovery Plan.

3. NOAA is also working on wrapping up the Eulachon 5-year Status Review. We anticipate having a final Status Review available in March 2016.

4. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife are back in the field conducting another season of spawning stock biomass research on eulachon in the Columbia River and selected tributaries in Washington and Oregon. This is the sixth year of research estimating the abundance of eulachon in the Columbia River.

5. The Cowlitz Indian Tribe is back in the field as well conducting a second year of spawning stock biomass and run-timing research on eulachon in the Cowlitz River.

That's all for now. Please contact me anytime with questions regarding eulachon conservation and management.

Sincerely,

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